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COURT METHODS MAY BE CHANGED

As a Result of Action to Be
Taken at State Meeting
of Lawyers.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 21.—One of the principal matters to come before the state bar association which will meet in this city in annual session December 29 and 30 is the matter of inaugurating a movement for uniform court procedure throughout the courts of the state. Leading jurists, lawyers and even laymen have recently lent their efforts to the consummation of such a plan, and it is possible that some tangible scheme will be evolved at the convention by which it will be brought about at some future time.

It is probable that the matter on being recommended will be placed in the hands of a committee for investigation. If a favorable report is made a draft or procedure will then be presented by a commission named for the purpose and some definite action taken on it. The commission may be named by a higher authority, on petition of the association.

The same course may be adopted in this state as was in Ohio, a commission was named by Governor Cox there some time ago for the purpose of recommending methods by which unnecessary delay and expense in litigation in Ohio courts might be avoided. The commission was first authorized by the legislature, but it started with those who realized that such a procedure was essential. In that state the commission is composed of two judges of the supreme court, one judge of the court of common pleas and able attorneys, all of whom serve without compensation.

Various changes in the present plan of procedure have been mentioned by leading jurists of West Virginia several of which are along the line of some now being considered by the Ohio commission. Some of the recommendations which will probably be considered in this relation are the following:

The judges themselves have been blamed in some instances for the conditions now obtaining, it being pointed out that by narrow and severely technical construction of the law, de-

lay in deciding questions submitted and by the lack of executive ability, or failure to exercise it properly, speedy accomplishment of justice is prevented. It is pointed out that as long as there is not a system which directs the several courts as one, there will always be delays experienced.

In the place of indictments found by a grand jury some would substitute information filed by the prosecuting attorney. This would save much money each year and would avoid holding the prisoner in jail to await trial. About a dozen states have already made this change in procedure.

It is recommended that the service of summonses be made by registered mail, as is done in some countries, rather than by the deputy sheriff. It is stated that by this method the loss of both time and money could be avoided without loss in efficiency.

The use of juries in civil cases would be made only when demanded. This method has saved both time and method where tried.

It has been advocated that the organization of courts be so effected that the judicial power of the state be more sensibly distributed. It has been pointed out that in some counties there are judges who have but little to claim their attention, while in others there are jurists who have much to do, and that some system be established whereby the work could be more evenly divided among the judges.

A simplification of the method of appeal has been suggested and some have plans to offer whereby the legislature would name a commission which would act permanently in making recommendations in cases where court procedure is affected by laws made by the legislature.

Some of the courts of the state have on their own initiative formulated systems of procedure and have found them to be of untold benefit, both in the administration of justice quickly and in the saving of expense to the office. It is expected that this matter will claim a good deal of attention when the bar association convenes here. It is something new for this state, and though new, it is accepted by members of the organization as a good move. It is probable a meeting of the judges will be called during the meeting with whom the movement will be first inaugurated and whose recommendations will, of course, be awaited for starting the plan.

LICENSE REPORT.

W. Guy Tetrick, county clerk, has made a report of the number of marriage licenses granted last month. It shows forty-six issued.

DULL BUSINESS.

Local hotels are beginning to experience the usual Christmas holiday dullness in business as most of the traveling men are off the road for the season. Hotel registers show a very light trade now.

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FLEMINGTON

FLEMINGTON, Dec. 22.—John C. Cleaver died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Post, in Jane Lew, Thursday night. His body was brought here Saturday and was interred in the Cleaver cemetery Saturday afternoon.

K. D. Bailey, superintendent of the Hutchinson Coal Company at Hutchinson, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bailey.

Cecil Ratcliff was a business visitor in Clarksburg Saturday.

George Brackett transacted business in Grafton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gages, of Clarksburg, attended the funeral of Mr. Bates's grandfather, Mr. Cleaver, here Saturday.

Mrs. John Lough returned home Sunday from Bridgeport, where she visited friends and relatives for several days.

Mrs. Joe Morgan and Miss Georgia Currey were shopping in Clarksburg Saturday afternoon.

John Marks and family were shopping and visiting friends in Clarksburg Saturday.

Miss Helen Allen, who is teaching school at Morgantown, arrived here Saturday afternoon to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Allen.

Miss Bessie Tomblin was shopping in Grafton Saturday.

E. D. Stout and Julius Coffman were business visitors in Bridgeport Saturday afternoon.

Percy Currey, who is attending school in Washington, came home Sunday to spend the holidays.

S. D. Bailey, of Grafton, visited friends here Sunday.

Floyd Crouse, of Rosemont, was here Monday on business.

DEEDS

In the Office of the County
Clerk Here to Be Re-
corded by Him.

Union Land Company to Joanna Cottrill, 1 lot, Union Heights.

Steeley Heights Land Company to Dennis J. Moyers, 1 lot, Steeley Heights.

R. F. Kidd, special commissioner, to H. C. Rogers, 2 lots, East Clarksburg.

Henry C. Rogers to Isaac Tetrick, 2 lots, East Clarksburg.

George W. F. Randolph, trustee for the Central and Sem Land Company, to Iola I. Marlowe, 2 lots, Central Salem.

Walter Smith to Ella Baber, 1-3 acre, Enterprise.

Harrison R. Smith to Emory Talkington et al., 1 lot, West Fork river.

Riverside Development Company to Santo Stumpo, 1 lot, Riverside addition.

Harvey L. and B. S. Fleming to Cecoe M. Currey, 3 lots, Fleming addition, Shinnston.

John W. Minor to James L. Heldreth, 2 lots, Wyatt.

Fair Grounds Improvement Company to Harry Collins, 1 lot, Fair Grounds addition.

Steeley Heights Land Company to Steeley Construction Company, 1 lot, Steeley Heights.

Clarksburg Board of Trade Land Company to H. E. Travis, 1 lot, Norwood addition.

H. E. Travis to D. E. McNeel Pottery Company, 1 lot, Norwood addition.

Riley Ables to George R. Clarke et al., 1 lot, East Clarksburg.

A. C. Villers to C. E. Prunty, 1 lot, South Chestnut street.

C. E. Prunty to Emma M. Villers, 1 lot, South Chestnut street.

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Milton Davis to B. W. Scott, et al., trustees, 1 lot, Salem.
Union Land Company to M. M. Miles, 2 lots, Union Heights No. 2.
Charles F. Randall to Carrie L. Pigott, 54.09 acres, Big Binghamon creek.
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